

Michigan Office News

Oak Street School Transformation—Flint

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A once vacant, blighted building in Flint's Grand Traverse Neighborhood has now been renovated into affordable senior housing.

With creative financing through HUD, MSHDA, LISC, the City of Flint and the Genesee County Land Bank Authority, Community First, Inc., a Flint nonprofit community development corporation was able to provide the first Section 202 project ever built in the City of Flint. In fact, it is the first new affordable multifamily housing of any type in approximately 14 years.

The construction was completed by a local Section 3



Outside structure and parking area . An open house was held on September 26.

Mike Polsinelli, Detroit Field Office Director was in attendance.

certified contractor. The renovation succeeded in retaining the historic integrity of the building and is also certified by Enterprise Green Communities. The building possesses many key green and energy efficient features, including:

- ⇒ Energy Star appliances
- ⇒ LED Lighting throughout
- ⇒ Use of Native plantings in Landscaping
- ⇒ On site recycling services

The adaptive reuse of this historic building is a prime example in supporting HUD's mission of increasing the health of the nation's housing



**View inside an apartment living room.
Notice the window architecture retained.**

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Upcoming Happenings!

- ⇒ 1st quarter goals reporting—January
- ⇒ Point In Time Counts Occur - January
- ⇒ Black History Month—February
- ⇒ New Multifamily Staff on Board—February 23
- ⇒ Multifamily Transformation Training—March/April

Client Corner—This is RAD!

Rental Assistance Demonstration that is!

On October 29th HUD staff Joe Davis (MFH), Mike Polsinelli (FPM) and Willie Garrett and Doug Gordon (PIH) attended the ribbon cutting for Westgate Apartments in Westland, Michigan. Also in attendance were representatives from MSHDA and the City of Westland. Westgate was originally built nearly 40 years ago and was insured under the Section 236 program. The building was looking its age, so the owner, LARC Properties, applied for and was awarded low income housing tax credits to assist in the rehabilitation of the building. The project consists of 148 units, with 59 units assisted under the Rent Supplemental program. The development went through HUD's Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program and as a result, all units now benefit from project based vouchers. The total development



cost exceeded \$11 million and the mortgage is now insured by HUD under Section 223(f). Residents are now able to enjoy upgraded units, redecorated common areas and upgraded elevators. A new patio area was also constructed along with a community garden.

Making Homes Safe for Children in Muskegon County



L to R—Board Chair, Ken Mahoney; Vice Chair, Rillastine Wilkins; and HUD Field Office Director, Mike Polsinelli.

With 75% of the county wide housing stock having been built prior to 1978 and 17% built prior to 1940, the exposure to potential lead hazards in the County of Muskegon is great. In fact, the CDC has designated 13 of the 14 zip codes as high-risk areas for lead exposure.

To make matters worse, 10% of Muskegon County households are low income families with small children who are residing in those

areas of very old housing stock and have little, if any, resources to deal with such things as deteriorated lead paint.

A recent grant award from HUD, for 1.1 million dollars will provide much needed assistance to the community in furthering its efforts to reduce the number of children with elevated lead levels and those at risk through the provision of lead abatement services leading to safer living conditions.

Veteran's Pinning Ceremony—Grand Rapids

On November 10, the Grand Rapids Housing Commission and Hospice of Michigan conducted a very moving ceremony to honor veterans residing in GRHC housing.

Thirty Veterans and two staff were personally presented with a pin and certificate commemorating their service by AMVETS representatives associated with each branch of service recognized.

The event included the Union High School JROTC Color Guard, various Dignitaries and a very moving presentation by the AMVETS accompanied by a bagpipe player for a MIA/POW ceremony.

The Honorable Mayor George Heartwell was Guest Speaker

with Dr. Michael Paletta, FAAHPM, Vice President, Medical Affairs Hospice of Michigan as Keynote.

Michigan Communities Join the Mayors Challenge!

◇ Ann Arbor	Highland Park	Taylor
◇ Detroit	Lansing	Westland
◇ Flint	Marquette	
◇ Grand Rapids	Southfield	

SALUTING OUR OWN!

*HUD Detroit is proud of its Veterans!
We'd like to Recognize:*

Army

Chandra Broadnax, Dan Huyck, Portia McCoy, Ulysses Garrison, David Kimball, Anthony Otto, James Bow (Engineer Corp)

Marines

Darrick Mallard

Air Force

Henry Plowden, Darrick Mallard

Navy

Tamika Jones, Mark Dominick



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Our Vision

HUD is the Department of Opportunity. As HUD approaches its 50th anniversary in 2015, Secretary Julián Castro is focused on advancing policies that create opportunity for all Americans, creating a solid foundation for the next 50 years.

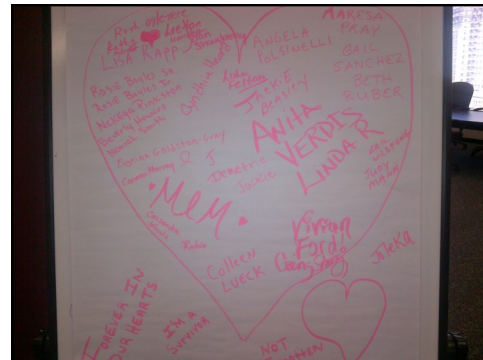
					
BUILD A STRONGER HUD	HELP AMERICANS SECURE QUALITY HOUSING	END HOMELESSNESS	STRENGTHEN COMMUNITIES IN THIS CENTURY OF CITIES	LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD FOR ALL AMERICANS	ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE AND NATURAL DISASTERS



Employee Field News

Our employees show how they care about people. Not only by the work they do everyday but by the support they give to others who may experience health issues or struggle to feed their families.

During the Feds Feed Families Campaign this past fiscal year staff collected 2278 lbs. of food leading the entire country!



Putting our Pink On! National Breast Cancer Awareness Month—October 23

